# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Land Division Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii PSF No.:09HD-002

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Set Aside to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife for Kamuela Baseyard and Nursery at South Kohala, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 6-6-5:1

# APPLICANT:

Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)

# LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended.

### LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Waimea, South Kohala, Hawaii, identified by Tax Map Key: (3) 6-6-5:1, as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit A.

### AREA:

15.209 acres, more or less.

### ZONING:

State Land Use District: Agriculture County of Hawaii CZO: A-5A

# TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: NO

# CURRENT USE STATUS:

DOFAW's Kamuela State Tree Nursery and Baseyard.

### PURPOSE:

Kamuela Baseyard and Nursery.

## CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This action before the Board is merely a transfer of management jurisdiction and does not constitute a use of State lands or funds, and therefore, this action is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 343, HRS, relating to environmental impact statements. Inasmuch as the Chapter 343 environmental requirements apply to Applicant's use of the lands, the Applicant shall be responsible for compliance with Chapter 343, HRS, as amended.

# APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant shall be required to:

1) Provide survey maps and descriptions according to State DAGS standards and at Applicant's own cost.

## BACKGROUND:

The Kamuela State Tree Nursery produced its first bare root seedlings on this parcel in 1962. The nursery was established to accommodate the public and DOFAW's need for high quality tree seedlings for windbreak trees, native plants, reforestation, forest products, energy tree farms, erosion control and other uses.

### ANALYSIS:

DOFAW proposes to continue the nursery operations of the Kamuela State Tree Nursery on this site. The nursery will provide high quality containerized tree seedlings to the public, government agencies, DOFAW, and the forest products industry including bioenergy producers. DOFAW is continuing to develop this parcel as a West Hawaii Baseyard servicing the public's needs. This site is currently being used to house a West Hawaii fire cache and fire vehicle bays. Most wildfires on the Big Island occur in West Hawaii. A quick initial response from this facility is crucial to keeping the fires small. This facility houses the West Hawaii Wildlife section, Forestry section, and Operations section, that performs important natural resource work on DLNR lands in West Hawaii.

Comments were solicited from:

DHHL	No objections
County Planning	No comments
OHA	No response

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board, subject to Applicant fulfilling the Applicant

# Requirements above:

- 1. Approve of and recommend to the Governor the issuance of an executive order setting aside the subject lands to Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and subject further to the following:
  - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current executive order form, as may be amended from time to time;
  - B. Disapproval by the Legislature by two-thirds vote of either the House of Representatives or the Senate or by a majority vote by both in any regular or special session next following the date of the setting aside;
  - C. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and
  - D. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Ellnolii

Charlene E. Unoki Assistant Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Laura H. Thidlen, Chairperson

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